



Patent Application

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for

Title: Exercise Device Portable Abdomen Reducer

To: L. Amerson, Art Unit 3764, Application/Control Number 10/672,020

Re: Your office action summary dated 10-19-05.

Remarks

1. With regard to Hunker US 5,342,274. I still maintain that this device does not permit a person to preform a true sit-up, thus even though it is similar to my design, his intended use is not the same. In addition his design can not be used under any piece of furniture such as a table, a chair or a divan. Therefore, it is not unique. My design is unique.

2. With regard to Mayer US 3,077,613. This device is primarily used on hospital beds, but can be attached to any bed, in order that physically challenged people can elevate themselves. It is not designed primarily for those who desire to reduce the abdomen and is not unique. My design is unique.

3. With regard to Lui US 5,160,306. Even though this device hooks under a mattress the straps come over the ankle with the retainer under the ankle. The same thing can be accomplished with a piece of rope. Frankly he should have put the device under the springs, instead of just under the mattress, for more solid support. My design is unique.

4. With regard to Tardif US 6,705,974. (A) This device does not fit under a door but over a door frame. (B) This device is not used for sit-ups to reduce the abdomen but for other muscles. (C) A wood door frame will not support a full size man. (D) This device has had many uses throughout history and is not unique to anything. As hard as I rack my brain I can not fathom how anyone can even surmise how this is anywhere similar to my device. If this man got a patent my application should fly through your process with an American Flag attached. My design is unique.

5. With regard to Hern US 5,141,482. This device straps around the chest and the anchor is a chair with the restraint being elastic cord. My device does not strap around the chest.

My anchor is not the back of a chair. My device uses no elastic. This has no similarity to my design whatsoever nor is it used to **fully** or **partially** reduce the abdomen. My design is unique.

This application was filed 841 days ago. In-as-much-as I filed a Petition to Make Special, due to my age, with the original filing this does seem to be more delay than is palatable to either of us.

If there is any reason that you can not make a decision to either **award** or **reject** this request please contact me and I will try to help.


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